

the devastation of the region, which virtually shut down civil services in the area. For example, New Orleans residents after Hurricane Katrina were scattered across 44 states. These uprooted citizens had difficulty registering and voting both with absentee ballots and at satellite voting stations. As a result, those elections took place fully 8 months after the disaster, and it required the efforts of nonprofits, such as the NAACP, to ensure that voters had the access they are constitutionally guaranteed.

We need to address the election fraud that we know occurring, such as voting machine integrity and poll volunteer training and competence. After every election that occurs in this country, we have solid documented evidence of voting inconsistencies and errors. In 2004, in New Mexico, malfunctioning machines mysteriously failed to properly register a presidential vote on more than 20,000 ballots. 1 million ballots nationwide were flawed by faulty voting equipment—roughly one for every 100 cast.

Those who face the most significant barriers are not only the poor, minorities, and rural populations. 1.5 million college students, whose addresses change often, and the elderly, will also have difficulty providing documentation.

In fact, newly married individuals face significant barriers to completing a change in surname. For instance, it can take 6–8 weeks to receive the marriage certificate in the mail, another two weeks (and a full day waiting in line) to get the new Social Security card, and finally three-four weeks to get the new driver's license. There is a significant possibility that this bill will also prohibit newlyweds from voting if they are married within three months of Election Day.

The right to vote is a critical and sacred constitutionally protected civil right. To challenge this is to erode our democracy, challenge justice, and mock our moral standing. I urge my colleagues to join me in dismissing this crippling legislation, and pursue effective solutions to the real problems of election fraud and error. We cannot let the rhetoric of an election year destroy a fundamental right upon which we have established liberty and freedom.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SCOTT, and Ms. JACKSON LEE, for their contributions.

We have no further requests for time. Under those circumstances, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT ERIC WALLACE AND LIEUTENANT GREGORY PICKARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, on February 15 and 16, a couple of weeks ago, America lost two more heroes and dedicated first responders. On those dates, the Bryan Fire Department responded to a fire at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bryan, Texas. This blaze was fierce, and ultimately the roof col-

lapsed, taking the lives of Lieutenant Eric Wallace and Lieutenant Gregory Pickard. In addition, firefighters Ricky Mantey, Jr., and Mitch Moran were critically injured during the rescue operation.

Lieutenant Gregory Pickard was born in Guymon, Oklahoma, and eventually made his way to the great State of Texas. Pickard was a 32-year veteran of the Bryan Fire Department. During those 32 years, he served our community through one of the darkest days of our community, the collapse of the bonfire at Texas A&M University. Lieutenant Pickard served as a rescue division commander during the search and rescue of the victims and, ultimately, the 12 fallen students. He rose through the ranks and served as battalion chief from 1999 to 2005 before choosing to step back to lieutenant to finish out his career. Pickard also served as an EMT and obtained his Advanced Firefighter certificate, and he was a leader in establishing many of the current Bryan Fire Department firefighting operations.

Lieutenant Eric Wallace was born here in our Nation's capital and, just like Lieutenant Pickard, eventually found his way to Texas. He also adapted quickly to our Texas culture and became an avid hunter. Wallace was a 13-year veteran of the Bryan Fire Department, and in 2010 he received an award for bravery during a fire in 2009 from the 100 Club.

On February 20, I attended the memorial service for both of these honorable men and stood with their families and friends, their fellow first responders, and the hundreds of citizens in attendance to honor and recognize these local heroes. We all mourned, and yet we celebrated the lives of both these great men. On February 21 and February 22, Lieutenant Eric Wallace and Lieutenant Gregory Pickard were laid to rest in Marlin and Bryan, Texas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and many friends of Lieutenant Wallace and Lieutenant Pickard. They will forever be remembered as outstanding firefighters, husbands, and devoted fathers. We thank them and their families for their service and their sacrifice for our community.

Also, our thoughts and prayers are with firefighters Ricky Mantey, Jr., and Mitch Moran, who were critically injured during the fire. We pray that our Heavenly Father will give them a speedy recovery and comfort their families.

The sacrifices of these men model the words of Jesus in John 15:13, where he said:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

God bless our first responders, and God bless America.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah) at 7 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 47, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-10) on the resolution (H. Res. 83) providing for consideration of the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 298. An act to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

510. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled, "Independent Oversight Activities of the Department of Energy's Office of Health, Safety and Security for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

511. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Pursuant to Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notification of the President's intent to drawdown funds in defense

services of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

512. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

513. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-589, "The Elizabeth Ministry, Inc. Affordable Housing Initiative Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

514. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-590, "Neighborhood Contractor Daytime Parking Permit Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

515. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-612, "Breath Test Admissibility in Criminal Proceedings Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

516. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-591, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

517. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-630, "Reckless Driving Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

518. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-629, "District Department of Transportation DC Streetcar Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

519. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-592, "Public Library Hours Expansion Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

520. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-628, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 393, S.O. 11-08780, Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

521. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-593, "Howard Town Center Real Property Tax Abatement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

522. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-610, "Ignition Interlock Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

523. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-611, "Chuck Brown Park Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

524. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-613, "Grandparent Caregivers Program Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

525. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-627, "Child Sex-

ual Abuse Reporting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

526. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-615, "Sustainable DC Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

527. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-626, "Greater Mount Calvary Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

528. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-616, "Controlled Substance, Alcohol Testing, Criminal Background Check and Background Investigation Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

529. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-625, "Access to Justice for Bicyclists Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

530. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Financing Corporation, transmitting a copy of the Financing Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

531. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

532. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures [Docket No.: 120731291-2522-02] (RIN: 0648-BC40) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. NUGENT: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 83. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (Rept. 113-10). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 819. A bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provi-

sions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WAXMAN (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 820. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to enhance the reporting requirements pertaining to use of antimicrobial drugs in food animals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRAYSON:

H.R. 821. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. WALZ):

H.R. 822. A bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 823. A bill to preserve American space leadership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. MULVANEY):

H.R. 824. A bill to reduce the total number of civil service employees in the executive branch of the Government through attrition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HECK of Nevada (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. BARBER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. CARNEY):

H.R. 825. A bill to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WHITFIELD:

H.R. 826. A bill to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH):

H.R. 827. A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to provide one-time payments from the SIPC Fund for customers during a pending lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission against the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BUCHON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. GOMPERT, Mr. JONES, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 828. A bill to rescind \$45 billion of unobligated discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 829. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of